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Senator Roger Kahn, M.D. Michigan Senate 32nd District

Chair, Senate Appropriations

Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Appropriations was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor, Capitol building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, Hopgood, Johnson

Senator Kahn gave opening remarks regarding order of business:

- *Adopting the previous meeting minutes from 3/16/11
- *Legislative Transfer
- *Report HB 4135 (Rep. Durhal) Labor; public service labor disputes; membership of board of trustees of certain police and fire retirement systems; make a prohibited subject of bargaining.
- * Presentation by Dept. of Treasury as a follow-up to last week's overview of Michigan's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Joe Fielek from Department of Treasury will present as will Wayne Workman from R.W. Baird.

Motion made by Senator Caswell to adopt the meeting minutes from 3/16/11, motion supported by Senator Anderson.

By voice vote and no objections the minutes were adopted.

Senate Fiscal Agency's Joe Carrasco testified on behalf of a \$200,000 Legislative Transfer for the Motorcycle Safety Grants program. Cindy Paradini from the Secretary of State's office answered numerous questions from the committee members regarding the program and its finances.

Questions were asked by: Senators Caswell, Green, Hood, Anderson, Colbeck, Pappageorge, Kahn, and Booher.

Motion made by Senator Moolenaar to approve the Legislative Transfer, motion supported by Senator Anderson.

Yeas: Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson, Gregory, Hood, Hopgood Legislative Transfer was approved.

Representative Fred Durhal testified on behalf of his bill HB 4135. Retired Detroit Police and Firefighters Association member Don Taylor also testified on behalf of the bill. Mark Docherty from the MI Professional Firefighters Union testified against the bill.

Questions were asked by: Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Booher, Walker, Green, Hood, Caswell, Jansen and Anderson.

Motion was made to report HB 4135 with recommendation made by Senator Jansen, supported by Senator Anderson.

Yeas: Kahn, Moolenaar, Jansen, Pappageorge, Booher, Caswell, Colbeck, Green, Proos, Schuitmaker, Walker, Anderson

Passed: Gregory, Hood, Hopgood, Johnson

HB 4135 was reported and then given IE by voice vote.

Joe Fielek from the Department of Treasury and Wayne Workman from R.W. Baird presented to the committee on Michigan's Bonding situation and issues. After a very lengthy question and answer session Mr. Fielek and Mr. Workman agreed to get some follow-up information to the committee regarding a few outstanding questions.

Questions were asked by: Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Caswell, Colbeck, Booher and Anderson.

Senator Kahn adjourned the meeting without objections at 4:11 p.m.

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.

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Date approved by the Committee